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AN ALLIANCE OPPORTUNITY.

An appeal for the church at Harrietta, Mich., is among those published in "Word and Work." Our people do not understand the nature and urgency of this appeal, I am sure, or there would be a more prompt and generous response. There has been no more plucky and courageous work done in the history of the liberal church than the one conceived and carried out by this society. Harrietta has been a typical lumberman's town. It is now in the transition period between lumbering and farming. Anyone who knows of the conditions under which lumbering is carried on realizes how the lumberjack when freed from the restraint and isolation of his camp, plunges into excess whenever the opportunity presents itself. This makes the lumberman's towns scenes of revel which have no correcting influences in the smaller places, save the public schools. Harietta is twenty-four years old and during twenty-one years of that time there has been no church edifice in the town nor a place where people might assemble for religious services or instructive lectures.

During a large part of this time there has been a women's society at work trying as best it might to bring light and goodness into Harrietta that their children might have ideals above those furnished by the saloons. During the time that they were working to relieve suffering and bring about a better life in Harrietta, these devoted women were earning money to buy a lot and build an edifice that the town might have a place in which to worship and from which to bury its dead. It seems wonderful that this little band had the courage to persevere; but they did, year after year, until about three years ago the goal was in sight, and then came a backset. There had been an occasional service held by the Methodists in the town, but there were very few of that sect there. When the authorities of that church learned, however, of the money that had been collected they at once organized a society and set about building a church edifice. Then they asked for the money that the women's society had gathered. They were met by an indignant refusal in which the Methodist women who belonged to the society joined. But here was a church edifice to stand in the way of their enterprise. It was a good building, but the society was very small, for the place is not Methodist, and heavily in debt. After a while these brave women rallied and said, We will build a liberal church anyway. They bought a lot and engaged a man to manufacture concrete blocks. Being unaccustomed to building, their money did not go as far as it ought, so they soon found it exhausted. Then they said, "The blocks will keep till next year and in the meantime we will earn the money to pay for laying them." In this way they struggled along, hoping to secure the building complete and paid for in five years. Hearing somehow of the A. U. A., they wrote Mr. St. John, asking if the Association could help them. He wrote back, saying that it would give them fifty dollars if Unitarian ministers would be allowed the use of its pulpit on the same terms as others. To his surprise, for he thought that that would end the matter, he got a prompt reply, saying that surely Unitarian ministers would be welcomed as that was what the church was being built for. He at once sent the money and wrote to the Western Conference secretary about it. When opportunity offered, the W. C. secretary visited Harrietta and found a bright, energetic band of women interested beyond measure in the work that they were doing. The lot was there and the walls of concrete blocks were up. He suggested a way whereby the years of waiting might be obviated, i. e., by a loan from the Church Building Fund and an appeal to the Alliance of which this society was already a member. The loan has been made, but the Alliance appeal is not meeting with the response it ought to receive.

Will not our prosperous churches answer this appeal for aid from those, who have not asked before they tried and achieved, so generously that the dedication can take place as planned next May? The husbands of these brave women are shyly proud of their achievements—shyly, because they are not used to churchly ways and work; proud, because they cannot help being aware that they are the chief source of the higher life in that community. They, too, have done what they could to make the building possible.

A WORD TO THE WOMEN OF OUR LIBERAL CHURCHES.

If any organization, any institution is to give us a clue to the meaning of life, is to give us high ideals, is to give us the larger meaning of the brotherhood

of man, is to give us faith in the unity and integrity of the universe, it must be the church.

There has never been greater need for the life and activity of the Liberal Church than there is today. To be sure the old creeds are being replaced by more rational beliefs, yet the age is material and commercial. The demands of the times seem to be for material comforts and luxuries. And because of this eager race for wealth there is a crying need for centers of rational thought and philosophy—strongholds of true religion and sanity—some high ground upon which we may sometimes stand in order to strengthen our faith and courage.

If our Liberal Church is to stand for the great things of life, to it must be brought the best that its supporters can offer. And I believe that the mission of this church today and in the near future is to offer sanity and hope and a call to a higher life to restless anxious humanity.

Our churches are entering upon a new era, our Liberal Churches especially, must be centers of education along all lines, they must attempt to solve some of the vexed questions of life—they must in some degree respond to some of the longings of the human heart.

Simultaneous with this new era in the church, women are entering upon new fields of activities; and the call has already come to them to deal with many questions concerning the life of the church, as well as the life of the home. I have heard it intimated by thoughtful persons that our numerous Women's Clubs were taking from the strength and activity of the church. It seems to me that there is some truth in the intimation. This is a question to which women should give careful consideration. If the church is to give us our highest ideals—our best aspirations—our courage and our faith by which we live and work, then the church should be first served. Is it not possible for our clubs, for whatever purposes they exist, to conserve the interest of the church rather than take from its strength? In the end I believe our clubs will add to the power of the church. Whatever makes for intelligence and enlightenment, whatever creates higher ideals, whatever elevates the plane of life, must in the end strengthen the cause of the church.

The vexed question of church finances is a matter which women may in a greater measure help to solve. American women in a large degree determine how the distribution and expenditure of money is apportioned. If the women of our churches could feel that the support of the church is a necessary and legitimate outlay of money, the question of church finances would become a less serious one. We often hear that women are carrying heavy church burdens. If the mattter of church finance could be rightly adjusted these so-called burdens would be less heavy. We rejoice in our "free public schools" for which we are willing to pay taxes. Is not the church an educational institution as well? Let us do away with the idea that we are contributing to charity when we contribute to the church! When we purchase books and pictures we do not feel that we are giving to charity. Women can do much to put the support of the church on a legitimate footing. Let us educate ourselves and others that in giving to the church we are contributing to the higher wants of mankind. Let us help to do away with the idea that the church is a beggarly institution!

While women are organizing into clubs for all conceivable purposes all over the land and these clubs are federating for greater strength and usefulness, the National Alliance is coming to the aid of our Liberal Cause. No one who knows anything about the amount already done by this organization can doubt that it is the beginning of much strength to our Liberal Church. There are many things that we Liberal Women need to consider together—many things that concern all. The purpose of this organization is to make greater the possibilities of our church, and I would make a strong plea for its support and encouragement. The Alliance is very active in regard to all matters concerning the life and activity of the church. It is studying ways and means by which we can best serve our churches and thereby serve ourselves. It is offering courses of reading and study to our Women's Societies. It is helping women to solve these church problems.

Let us women see to it that in the complex life of today we take our stand for the higher things of life! Many new avenues of culture, education and work have been opened to us during the past few years. Let us see to it that we enter this larger life with discernment, with intelligence, with consecration, with inspiration, with confidence and hope that our activity and our influence shall be on the side of righteousness, purity and a great unselfishness!

Humboldt, Ia. MARY W. GARFIELD.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Chicago.—The Board of Directors of the Western Conference voted to ask the Green Bay church to release Mr. Backus from his engagement that he may continue as Secretary of the Conference.

Perry, Iowa.—This society has been without a settled minister ever since Miss Padgham's resignation, over two years ago, but far from suffering loss it has gained because of the acceptable manner in which the pulpit has been filled by one of the members of the society, Judge Nichols. The present arrangements are to continue during the church year.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Mr. Nathan Tupper has been called to the ministry of this church. The call has been accepted and Mr. Tupper will begin his work in Humboldt not later than April 1. Mr. Tupper is to

be congratulated upon beginning his work in the ministry with so strong and well-organized a society. He comes into the ministry from a business career. He has had, however, some training for his new vocation, as he studied at Meadville, and has successfully supplied several pulpits for varying periods of time.

Rev. Marion Murdoch, formerly minister to this church, has been supplying since Mr. Ramsay left. It was to the great delight of the Humboldt people that they were able to enjoy her ministrations for even so short a time.

Manistee, Mich.—Rev. Merritt S. Buckingham, of Littleton, N. H., has taken charge of a circuit including Manistee, Frankfort and Harrietta. We have long had a fine church edifice and parsonage at Manistee, but of late years no resident minister, and but infrequent services. In former years there was a strong society there. At Frankfort there is a group of liberals that are organized and have had preaching in the summer months. At Harrietta a new liberal movement has been started, the tale of which appears in another part of this paper. The state conference of Michigan pledges itself to raise $750 for this work, to which the A. U. A. will add an equal amount. Mr. Buckingham has a fine opportunity to do a great work. We shall expect to hear good news from Northern Michigan.

St. Louis, Mo.—The Annual Report of the Mission Free School of the Church of the Messiah is of an order deserving mention and the highest praise. As the readers of the News Letter no doubt know, this school is for neglected children and furnishes a temporary home until their own or other permanent ones are open to them. The increase of the work with the new equipment is remarkable. During 1906, the number admitted was 408, and the number removed was 406. That the numbers are so nearly even speaks well for the executive side of the School. The highest number ever reached in a year before was 293. A description of the house, grounds and means of amusement and employment makes very good reading, for it makes one's heart warm to think of what Mr. Day's people are doing to make better and happier the neglected little ones of St. Louis.

"IN FOREST LAND."

A book of poems by Douglas Mallock.

One would scarcely expect to find high-grade poetry in a trade journal of the lumber business, yet much in the above named volume, which was first published in the *American Lumberman* over the signature of "The Lumberman Poet," ranks well both in form and thought.

To a lover of nature who has a memory stored with woodland experiences, this little volume comes like a voice from the woods and a breath of spring. The author is in sympathy with the out-of-doors, and is an interpreter of the common life. His opening poem, "The Melody of Leaves Astir," has a few lines that might be taken as a prologue to his nature poems, for here he states his purpose:

"Let other bards their harps attune
To sing of gold and courts and kings;
But leave to me the hush of June,
The music that the forest sings.

"I'll hang my harp upon a tree
Where every passing breeze may play,
And catch the leafy minstrelsy,
The music of the shaded way."

Nature is, for the poet, as old a theme as poetry, yet it is ever new, for each poet has his individual way of interpreting the subjective response it awakens in his heart. As this poet sees it,

"Nature paints each scene a different hue,
Models in different forms her million vales."

Most of the book is taken up with the life of the lumbermen, and it seems to be a call to understand the common, every-day life.

"Not 'round the palaces of kings
Is woven all the song and story;
Time's blazing sun as often flings
On humble roof the gleam of glory."

The writer shows more of narrative power than of meditative; more of observation than insight, but this is expected in a young poet. It is true, however, that the observer with vison keen who can clothe his observations in forms of beauty is truly a poet, and the insight is not to be undervalued that can see poetry, humor, romance and heroism in the commonplace experiences of life. It is the picturing of these elements in the life of the lumbermen, in camp and mill, on the log drive down the river and upon the transport, that you find the human elements of the poetry that make their appeal to the ordinary man. They show heroism, dormant but waiting for the occasion to call it forth, for in their life of hardship, in the dangers of their work they

" * * * * fight the fight with death
And their hearts are unafraid, and when

upon the "drive"

" 'Tis the hand of death that the stream would dam
With a wall of mighty pine."

and some one is needed to break the jam, the man appears. The old theme of longing for home is touched upon in the old way when the "Swede from Oshkosh" plays "Home Sweet Home" on his old accordian, and when back in their winter camp the loggers are dreaming of home where

" 'Tis Christmas eve, but from the wintry sky
No star shines out. The pine tops sob and sigh."

And again the same theme, in what would be called an unpoetic subject, an Italian fruit seller in Chicago, who, when the winter comes on, says, in the dialect that is almost new in our literature:

" I dreama den of Sicily."

The poet has observed something besides the woodsman and nature. As there are

"A thousand trees of different leaf,
A thousand plants of different bloom"

all turning toward the same sun, so

"Around me rise perplexing creeds
As varied as the forest trees
And each declares with bended knees
This is the dogma for my needs.

To stray, they tell me, means the rod,
Yet as the forest meets the sun
I find them prostrate, every one,
All kneeling to the selfsame God."

Some of the miscellaneous poems have passages full of suggestion and beauty. Take these lines from "Night,"

"The arms of night enfold the tired day,
The heavens light their million little lamps
And, where the sun beheld the world's affray
The gentle moon reviews its sleeping camps."

A high note is struck in "Encouragement," from which

"I hold him dearest who aspires
To kindle in my heart the fires
Of best desires."

"In Forest Land" is an unpretentious volume, but when you have read and reread some of its poems you feel that you have been brought into touch with nature and humanity, and initiated into the democracy of the common life, where as in the language of the brotherhood of the forest, you can say

"I may not know his native land,
His creed I may not understand,
But when we meet, within the wood
There each is silent, understood."

T. CLINTON BROCKWAY,

Greeley, Colo.

SECRETARIES' REPORTS OF THE WORK OF THE BRANCH ALLIANCES OF ILLINOIS SINCE MARCH, 1906.

Alton. Anna D. Sparks Society and Ladies' Aid Society. Membership, thirty-eight.

These two societies look after the meeting of all the current expenses of the church and have also paid their share of the church debt to the A. U. A. A short time ago they received the last of the $500 for which they made an appeal last year and wish to thank the Branches most heartily for their liberal contributions. The ladies of the church give a monthly cake-sale, at which the demand is far in excess of the ability to supply. In May they served luncheon on Visitors' Day at the Western Military Academy, when seventy dollars were realized. In June the societies gave a boat-ride on the Mississippi, which netted a neat little sum. They have been busy as ever sewing infant outfits for the poor and have answered all appeals for help which have come to them from other Alliance Branches. The little girls of the church from about ten to fourteen years of age are interested to help and have given a Hallowe'en party at which they realized $10.25. The girls are now making fancy articles, dressing dolls, etc., for the annual sale which the ladies of the church are to give in December.

BUDA.

Membership 22.

Our church people have during the year purchased a parsonage and are making every effort to pay for it. In this as well as in every other financial need of the church our Alliance members are cheerfully doing their part. We have adopted a new plan for our work which is proving a success. The membership was divided into four sections, each of which provides in turn for three socials during the year. In this way each member knows when she is expected to help. Following the suppers, which by the way are always well attended by outsiders, a program is furnished—generally, but not always—of music, readings, and recitations. We had one appropriate to the day for St. Patrick's day, Easter, and Hallowe'en. We are now busy preparing for a sale in December. There being still a demand for our Cook Book, we have just issued a second edition of three hundred.

It was an inspiration to have Mrs. Delano with us at the Conference and also to meet so many from other branches. I often wonder what we are doing to further the great cause so dear to us. We shall probably never know, but we try to keep in mind the spirit of our faith and to lend a hand whenever possible so we are answering all appeals for help as best we can.

CHICAGO.

Church of the Messiah, Membership 62.

The Woman's Alliance closed the year of active work late in March with the closing lecture of a course of eight given by our pastor, Mr. Pulsford. These lectures were attended by an average of eighty persons. The suppers which preceded the lectures were a source of revenue besides their value on the social side. After the lectures ended our ladies continued to meet each Friday for sewing and luncheon until the end of April when we adjourned until October. Since coming together in the fall we have met each Friday, giving our whole attention to preparing for the sale and supper to be given in December. We expect to have an evening course of lectures after the holidays.

The Ladies Aid Alliance of Unity Church.
Membership 42.

After being without a church home or rooms of their own for two years, the ladies appreciated their parlors in the new church building on Barry avenue and met in them for the first time on the 20th of March. In April we had the pleasure of entertaining the Associate Alliance in our new Unity hall. On April 12th we held an Easter bazaar and supper which was particularly successful leaving a balance in our treasury which was much needed to assist with our new furnishings. In connection with the Western Conference we had the privilege of entertaining on May 14th the National Board of Directors of the Woman's Alliance. It was the first meeting of the kind ever held west of the Alleghaney mountains. Miss Emma Low, the president, and Mrs. Fifield, the secretary, and several other officers by their gracious

presence and inspiring words created new zeal and enthusiasm for the work of the Alliance. Since coming together in October our society has been preparing for a bazaar and supper to be held in December. The weekly attendance has averaged from twenty to thirty ladies. The Cheerful Letter work has gone successfully on under the management of Miss M. A. Fry. She has received letters which indicate the cheer her letters have brought into lonely households and not content with this she has packed and sent boxes of clothing and useful articles to these needy ones. Our new church with a grand new organ is about finished and will be dedicated on December 23rd, and under the leadership of our good minister, Mr. Hawley, we hope to go bravely on, both church and Alliance, standing always for all that is progressive and helpful in the community.

Third Unitarian Branch.—Membership 51.

This branch has held twenty-two meetings on its regular meeting day, Tuesday, since March 1st, six being literary and sixteen sewing meetings. Mrs. Backus as head of our P. O. Mission has ably carried on the work by sending to Congregational ministers in Illinois and the neighboring states Unitarian literature. She has also advertised Unitarian literature in secular newspapers, which has brought forth requests for the same.

The Cheerful Letter, with Mrs. Lewis as chairman, has done much in sending magazines, books, newspaper cuts, colored prints, sermons, etc., to old and young. There have been replies from many expressing appreciation and generally containing requests for more.

The Lend-a-Hand committee, of which Mrs. Hayward is chairman, has added much to the benevolent work of the Alliance. Several elderly people have been helped to more comfortable living and their hospital cot has been refitted. In June they gave a social and supper for the charitable work. The program committee furnished the following subjects: Music of the 18th century; a talk on a Summer's Visit to Chatauqua; and a Camping Trip through Yellowstone Park. The following sermons were read and discussed: The Layman's Responsibility; Is Church-going a Duty? A Plain Question of Personal Duty; and The Interpretation of Life.

The Aid Section gave an Easter sale and supper, a supper in October, and has added much to the Alliance treasury with its sewing. The church was cleaned in September and the Sunday School rooms, library, and halls newly decorated by the Alliance. They have also a Living Calendar by which means about $500 will be added to the treasury. The membership of the Alliance has increased, some of the new members being the younger women of the church. The annual bazaar was given with more than its usual success and all tends to show a most prosperous year.

First Swedish Society Branch.—Membership 10.

Our little society "keeps a-goin" with fresh courage. In April we gave an entertainment with a sale which turned out better than we had expected. One day in August our society invited members and friends of our church to an outing at North Evanston. The day was most beautiful and when we, as darkness came on, went home everyone felt that he had had a very agreeable day. Now we are sewing and planning for a sale in December. We have appealed to sister branches for some articles for this sale because we are only few and wish to raise some money for our church treasury.

Two of the members of our society have left the city during the year but we have gained two new ones so the membership remains the same.

Evanston.—Membership 27.

Ten meetings have been held since March 1st with an average attendance of ten. The work has been mainly for the National Needlework Guild, and the garments made have been given to the poor of our own town, being used through the visiting nurse, the Evanston hospital, and the Associated Charities. The Alliance has also given money for missionary work in South Dakota and has sent articles to Sister Alliances, responding, however, only to appeals from struggling societies at a distance from other Alliances. Besides the proceeds from sewing on order work, we have found our revenue increased without effort by the payment of a ten-cent fine by members who, are unable to be present at the regular meetings. The smaller the working force at a meeting, therefore, the larger the revenue for the day sometimes. The lack of church parlors hampers the social work of our Alliance somewhat, but the homes of the members are always hospitably open. A caféteria supper at one of these homes brought $15 into the treasury. At another, a Reminiscence Social, to bid farewell to the family of the founder of our society, recalled many interesting and half-forgotten incidents in the life of the church.

While the Alliance meetings are not marked by special programs and the material results of our work sometimes seem small, yet the Alliance is pervaded by a warmth of sisterly feeling and by a loyalty to each other and to our church which make of it a rather strong organization.

Membership 34.

Hinsdale.—Meetings of the Branch Alliance are held at the homes of members where we gather at about 10 o"clock and work on quilts, aprons, and such articles as are ordered. At one o'clock we have box luncheon, the hostess serving one hot dish and coffee, for which the Alliance receives ten cents each. In the afternoon we have talks by people outside the Alliance and reports of meetings of Associate Alliances and conferences, all of which are well attended by our branch. We are devoting our energies this year to the social side of the church work rather than a Christmas sale, depending on a subscription to take its place. Altogether our meetings are largely attended and very successful. There is a great demand for home cooking here and we give food sales occasionally with good results. Our various Cheerful Letter and Post Office Mission correspondents are receiving Unity, Christian Register, and magazines from us, in answer to which some most encouraging letters have been received.

The Chicago Associate Alliance will meet Thursday, February 7th, 11 A. M. at the Church of the Messiah, Michigan avenue and 23rd street. The paper of the day will be given by Prof. G. B. Foster on "The Organization of the Self." Luncheon served at one o'clock.

DIRECTORY.

A Directory of the Independent chuches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers:

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of Service 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Gebauer, Third & Alby Sts.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Henry W. Foote.

Broken Bow, Neb.—The People's Liberal Christian Society. Hour of service, 7:45 P. M. Rev. L. F. Harman.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev Ed. H. Barrett.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall, Moline, Ill.

Chicago, Ill.—Church of the Messiah, Michigan Ave. and Twenty-third St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 4 P. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E. Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St., near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Fred Alban Weil, 1535 Adams St.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 1285 N. Halsted St.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati, Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 755 Genesee Ave

Colorado Springs, Col.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Franklin Baker.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur M. Judy, 1708 Perry St.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Margaret T. Olmstead.

Denver, Col.—Unity Church, Nineteenth Ave. and Broadway. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, 1557 Logan Ave.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Kerby S. Miller.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A.M.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service 7 P. M.

Greeley, Col.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45. Rev. T. Clinton Brockway.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Ernest C. Smith.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Ia.—All Souls Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. MacCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Charles Ferguson, 3519 Flora Avenue.

Kenosha, Wis.—First Unitarian Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1140 Ohio St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls' Church, Twelth and H. Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, 1210 D. St.

Louisville, Ky.—Church of the Messiah, Fourth Ave. and York St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. William H. Ramsay, Alta Ave.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. B. A Hills.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. C. Hodgins, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St. and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. E. Stanton Hodgin.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Hedley Hall.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. H. Palmer.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann. P. O. Box 63.

Ord, Neb.—*People's* Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. E. S. Treworgy.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. S. Nichols.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Unity Church, Ninth St., between Edmond and Felix Sts. Hour service, 8 P. M. Rev. J. H Jones.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Boyle Ave. and Olive St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

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